## HAMILTO BROOK, SMITH & REYNOR 09/066,061 Application Number REQUEST **FOR** Filing Date April 24, 1998 CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) First Named Inventor Matthew Zavracky TRANSMITTAL Group Art Unit 2673 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, Examiner Name J. Nguyen provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. 0717.1117-002 Attorney Docket Number 3 TRANSTEPHE American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Red. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. [ ] Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [ ]. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). [ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [ iii. [ ] Other -- [ ]. b. [X] Enclosed RECEIVED [X] Amendment/Reply [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) JAN 1 5 2002 [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) **Technology Center 2600** iv. [X] Other -- [Marked up Version of Amendments]. Miscellaneous a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [ ] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. [ ] Other -- [ ]. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed. A copy is enclosed for accounting purposes. a. [X] A check is enclosed for the following fees in the amount of \$1212.00 [ ] Authorization is granted to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) b. i. ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). 01/14/2002 CCHAU1 00000099 09066061 [X] Amendment Fee iii. 01 FC:179 740.00 OP [ ] Other -- [ c. [X] Authorization is hereby granted to charge any insufficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED 36,558 Rodney D. Johnson Name (Print/Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) November Signature Date CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on:

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